

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**  
**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**February 18, 2013 MINUTES**

Salute to the flag.

Ms. Beck-Clemens called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Chair called for a roll call. Present at the call of the roll were:

Beck-Clemens [x], Cassidy [x], Jacques [A], Schaefer [A], Stout [x] Tucker [x]

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The chair stated that the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) is a committee by Ordinance.

Chairperson Beck-Clemens asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 21st meeting. That motion was made by Mrs. Tucker seconded by Mr. Stout. A voice vote was taken and this motion was unanimously passed.

**Reorganization:**

- 1) The committee decided to meet quarterly or on an "as need basis".
- 2) Committee members will suggest new community members to fill the two (2) vacant positions on the OSAC.
- 3) Ms. Karen Cassidy is the new Borough Council liaison the OSAC. She was warmly welcomed by the committee.

**Old Business:**

- 1) Tom Herits updated (January 2013) list of the Borough's Open Space Inventory, maps and listings and vacant properties were distributed and discussed.
  - a) Karen Cassidy will inquire as to how to update this information into the Open Space and Recreation Plan.
- 2) Members reviewed resolution R8, authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign Deed Restriction re: Ness Property Purchase. (Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting).
- 3) Discussion of Ness property ensued. Machinery from Sandy is being removed. Updates from Council to follow.
- 4) Preparing of a pamphlet explaining the Open Space Plan was tabled until next meeting.
- 5) Camp Endeavor's condition is still a major concern of this committee.

**New Business:**

1) Members were invited to attend "Together New Jersey", by the Somerset County Planning Board.

2) Information on the Weldon Quarry discussed. All were invited to the Planning Board's Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> meeting where Weldon will be the main topic.

3) Jim Stout from the Environmental Commission reported that they have received Bronze Status.

4) Sue Tucker from the Historical Commission reported that the members are busy sorting through many boxes of historical data for the Museum. Additionally, a Senior Boy Scout is helping and using this experience for his Eagle Scout project, under Sue's guidance.

5) A question as to the status of the Santucci House, adjacent to the Brandywine Assisted Living Residence and the Ness property was raised. Karen Cassidy will check into this matter.

**Public Forum:**

There was no one from the public at this meeting.

The Chair adjourned the meeting until the next meeting April 15th at 7:00 pm in Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by: Dianna Beck-Clemens